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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Election/Restriction requirement dated August 2, 2006. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-12), with <u>traverse</u>.